

3. (Replaced) The gel composition according to claim 14 wherein the solubilizer is selected from the group consisting of: tween-20, oleth-20, tween-80, ceteth-20 and PEG-hydrogenated castor oils-36, 40 and 60.

4. (Replaced) The gel composition according to claim 1 further comprising an antioxidant.

5. (Replaced) A gel composition comprising:  
30.0% to 80.0% w/w water having a TDS value between 25% and 40% and having an ion composition resembling Dead Sea water;  
0.2% to 4.0% w/w solubilizer;  
up to 3.0% w/w hydrophilic active agent;  
0.7% to 1.2% w/w gelling agent;  
up to 0.8% w/w hydrophobic active agent;  
up to 0.4% w/w fragrance;  
0.05% to 0.2% w/w antioxidant; and  
deionized water to complete to 100%.

6. (Replaced) The gel composition according to claim 4 wherein the antioxidant is selected from the group consisting of: butylated hydroxy anisole, butylated hydroxy toluene, tocopherol, and tetrasodium ethylenediamine tetra-acetic acid.

Please ADD the following new claims 9 to 31.

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9. (New) The gel composition according to claim 1 further comprising a hydrophobic active agent.

10. (New) The gel composition according to claim 1 further comprising a hydrophilic active agent.

11. (New) The gel composition according to claim 9 further comprising a hydrophilic active agent.

12. (New) The gel composition according to claim 9 wherein the hydrophobic active agent is selected from the group consisting of: vegetable oils, free fatty acids, and vitamins.

13. (New) The gel composition according to claim 10 wherein the hydrophilic active agent is selected from the group consisting of: humectants,  $\alpha$ -hydroxy acids, anti irritant agents, plant extracts, moisturizing agents and hydrolyzed plant proteins.

14. (New) The gel composition according to claim 1 wherein the solubilizer is a nonionic solubilizer.

15. (New) The gel composition according to claim 1 wherein the gelling agent or viscosity modifier is selected from the group consisting of: Guar gum, hydroxyethylcellulose,

hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, methylcellulose, magnesium aluminum silicate, and xanthan gum.

16. (New) The gel composition according to claim 1 further comprising a fragrance.

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17. (New) The gel composition according claim 16 wherein the fragrance is a synthetic fragrance or an aromatic oil selected from the group consisting of: lavender oil, patchouli oil, and sandalwood oil.

18. (New) The gel composition according to claim 5 wherein the hydrophobic active agent is selected from the group consisting of: vegetable oils, free fatty acids, and vitamins.

19. (New) The gel composition according to claim 5 wherein the hydrophilic active agent is selected from the group consisting of: humectants,  $\alpha$ -hydroxy acids, anti irritant agents, plant extracts, moisturizing agents and hydrolyzed plant proteins.

20. (New) The gel composition according to claim 5 wherein the solubilizer is a nonionic solubilizer.

21. (New) The gel composition according to claim 5 wherein the gelling agent or viscosity modifier is selected from the group consisting of: Guar gum, hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, methylcellulose, magnesium aluminum silicate, and xanthan gum.

22. (New) The gel composition according claim 5 wherein the fragrance is a synthetic fragrance or an aromatic oil selected from the group consisting of: lavender oil, patchouli oil, and sandalwood oil.

23. (New) The gel composition according to claim 20 wherein the solubilizer is selected from the group consisting of: tween-20, oleth-20, tween-80, ceteth-20 and PEG-hydrogenated castor oils-36, 40 and 60.

24. (New) The gel composition according to claim 5 wherein the antioxidant is selected from the group consisting of: butylated hydroxy anisole, butylated hydroxy toluene, tocopherol, and tetrasodium ethylenediamine tetra-acetic acid.

25. (New) The gel composition according to claim 1 wherein the 30.0% to 80.0% w/w water is Dead Sea water.

26. (New) The gel composition according to claim 5 wherein the 30.0% to 80.0% w/w water is Dead Sea water.

27. (New) A gel composition useful for skin care and protection comprising:  
30% to 80% w/w Dead Sea water;  
a solubilizer;  
a gelling agent or viscosity modifier; and

deionized water to complete to 100%.

28. (New) A gel composition comprising:
- 30.0% to 80.0% w/w Dead Sea water;
  - 0.2% to 4.0% w/w solubilizer;
  - up to 3.0% w/w hydrophilic active agent;
  - 0.7% to 1.2% w/w gelling agent;
  - up to 0.8% w/w hydrophobic active agent;
  - up to 0.4% w/w fragrance;
  - 0.05% to 0.2% w/w antioxidant; and
  - deionized water to complete to 100%.

29. (New) The gel composition according to claim 5 wherein the gel composition is a clear gel.

30. (New) The gel composition according to claim 27 wherein the gel composition is a clear gel.

31. (New) The gel composition according to claim 28 wherein the gel composition is a clear gel.